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Mr. David Waddell  
Executive Secretary  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
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Re: Rulemaking Amendment of Regulations for Telephone  
Service Providers, Docket No. 00-00873

Dear Mr. Waddell:

This is a corrected letter showing the date as May 6, 2002 instead of May 5, 2002.

By letter dated May 1, 2002, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") notified the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority") that it was "perplexed" by the Authority's action in placing the above-captioned matter on the Agenda for the May 7, 2002 Director's Conference for the delivery of "oral comments" by interested parties. In its May 1, 2002 correspondence, BellSouth asserts that given the status of this rulemaking, the receipt by the Authority of oral comments would "be extremely time consuming and wasteful . . ." The Attorney General agrees that additional oral comments which could only be a reiteration of an extensive and mature record are unnecessary.

The Notice of Rulemaking in this matter is dated September 29, 2000. Since that time, the Authority has made extensive attempts toward accommodating BellSouth and the industry in their request for the opportunity to be heard with respect to the development of the proposed rules. On December 11, 2000, BellSouth and the participating industry members filed a Joint Motion seeking workshops and extension of the deadline for filing comments regarding the proposed rules. The Authority granted the request extending the deadline for filing comments and scheduling workshops open to the interested parties, as well as the public in general. In fact,